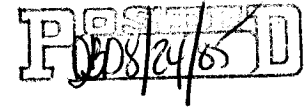


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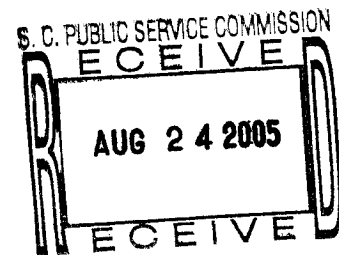
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RE: Budget Phone, Incorporated
Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC")
Docket No. 2005-219-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please accept this letter as official notice that I am the attorney representing Budget Phone, Incorporated in the Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in certain BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon exchanges ("Designated Area") for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support, Docket No. 2005-219-C.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, ✓ ~~17~~ self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. Please call me at 770-232-9200 or e-mail me at lsteinhart@telecomcounsel.com if I can provide any additional information or assistance with this matter.

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